## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Acknowledgement of Applicants' claim of foreign priority is respectfully requested. The certified copy of the priority document was filed together with the instant application.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-5 and the allowance of Claims 6-11 are acknowledged with appreciation. In order to expedite the issuance of these claims, Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form. Minor editorial changes have been made in Claims 6, 8 and 10 to place them in better form for issue. The cancellation of Claim 1 is not to be construed as a concession of propriety of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

This application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to

Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by

this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the

filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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